

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: March 25, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2274 (Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California).

Proponent name,³ location: LG Display, San Jose, CA.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Liquid crystal display (LCD) panel assemblies for use in LCD direct view televisions (provided for in subheading 9013.80.90).

Check one: ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced.
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

LCD panel assemblies consist of a liquid crystal layer sandwiched between two sheets or plates of glass or plastic, whether or not the assembly is fitted with electrical connections. The subject LCD panel assemblies are to be imported for use in making LCD direct view televisions (TVs), the most common type of televisions sold today. There is no known U.S. production of LCD panel assemblies for LCD projection type televisions.

Korea is the leading supplier of this product.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Mihir Torsekar (202-205-3350); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 9013.80.90:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$5,970,000	\$5,970,000	\$5,970,000	\$5,970,000	\$5,970,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$268,650	\$268,650	\$268,650	\$268,650	\$268,650

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on official U.S. Government statistics and industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
LG Display Jennifer Mulveny, 202-471-3234	1/05/2010	No	No	No
Sony Electronics Inc. Christina Mulvihill, christina.mulvihill@am.sony.com	11/09/2009	No	No	No
Advanced Digital Optics, Inc. Milton Lee, 805-497-1771, ext. 240	11/09/2009	No	No	No
MT Picture Display Corp. Of America John Webster, John.Webster@tdda.panasonic.com	11/09/2009	No	No	No
Texas Instruments Cynthia Johnson, 202-628-3133	11/09/2009	No	No	No
U.S. Display Consortium Bob Pinnel, 408-277-2400	11/09/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

It is suggested that the language of the proposed article description be amended to read as shown on page 1. We note that this heading is an “actual use” provision, which would require post-entry verification by Customs and Border Protection officials within 3 years of the date of entry of any shipment in order to achieve final liquidation of the shipment under the duty suspension. As such, it would pose certain administrative and compliance costs on Customs and on importers.

⁴ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2274

To suspend temporarily the duty on Liquid Crystal Device (LCD) panel assemblies for use in LCD direct view televisions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Liquid Crystal Device (LCD) panel assemblies for use in LCD direct view televisions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN PANEL ASSEMBLIES FOR LCD TELE-**
4 **VISIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
8 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Liquid Crystal Device (LCD) panel assemblies for use in LCD direct view televisions (provided for in subheading 9013.80.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
 4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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